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To:

San Jose City Council

From:

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Subject:

Coyote Valley Specific Plan Progress Report #2

Having the number of public meetings so far is a good first step. What is now needed is for the process to provide a more active and focused role for the stakeholders in the development of the greenbelt. I believe that if we want *cooperation* from those whose properties are in the greenbelt, then we must take this next step. What is this step? Who are these "key stakeholders" who have not been involved in planning the greenbelt and the necessary budget required to preserve it? What is meant by an active and focused role? Answer: the property owners in South Coyote Valley and organizations like FROG are the stakeholders who both, for example, had no input to the preliminary estimated \$15 million for greenbelt land/easement acquisition. However, the next step can correct this.

Along with your pending approval of the Concept Plan for Coyote Valley, it is requested that you direct the <u>Task Force to form a South Coyote Valley sub-task force</u>. The three objectives of this sub-task force will be (1) to develop a greenbelt preservation program and (2) to develop land use alternatives for the greenbelt that can be considered in the alternative section of the EIR and (3) to provide monthly reports to the Task Force of work in progress.

I believe that if we want cooperation from those whose properties are in the greenbelt and organizations concerned about the greenbelt, then they must be give a more active and focused role.

So to that end it is suggested that this South Coyote Valley Sub-Task Force have representation from the following constituencies:

- a. City Council
- b. Task Force
- c. County Board of Supervisors
- d. Coyote Housing Group
- e. Coyote Valley Alliance
- f. FROGS
- g. 2-3 conservation groups